influence చేయడం జరుగుచున్నందున, ప్రభుత్వము ప్రజలకు అన్యాయపు తీర్పులు యిచ్చే టటువంటి యీ **courts** ను తక్షణ తీసివేసి అయినను, లేక **influences** కు లోబడకుండా చేసి రక్షణ యిస్తారా అని అడుగుచున్నాను.''

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" A separate question may be given notice of."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER:—" In view of the fact that provision has been made in the Village Panchayats Act of 1950, giving the panchayats powers to try criminal cases arising within their jurisdiction, do the Government find it necessary to retain these Bench Courts? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" The Government will consider the question after the Panchayat Courts begin to function all over the State. Till then, the present system has to continue."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI:—" May I know whether Special Honorary Presidency Magistrates are presiding over Bench Courts in Madras City and, if so, the powers that are vested in them? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" A separate question may be given notice of."

Construction of a dam near Sulankurichi, South Arcot district.

* 270 *Q.*—SRI V. T. ELAYA PILLAY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the stage at which the work relating to the proposed construction of a dam near Sulankurichi, South Arcot district, is?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" The Scheme has not been taken up as it is uneconomic and not feasible. The Chief Engineer has however been instructed to examine whether the scheme could be modified so that it could be executed at less cost with the prospect of a reasonable yield of food grains."

Government Harijan Hostel at Masulipatnam.

* 271 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether students are admitted into the Government Harijan Hostel at Masulipatnam on a districtwar basis or on merit;

(*b*) whether the honorary correspondent of the hostel who is also the headmaster of the Government High School is paid any special honorarium;

(*c*) if so, at what rate; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to convert the Government Depressed Classes Hostel into purely a College hostel admitting students from all Telugu districts?